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LIBERALS SPLIT

Corporation Newspapers Betraying the Party for Selfish Interests.

A DISGRACE TO JOURNALISM

But Just Why People Will Continue to Follow Blindly These Decoys is a Mystery.

THE PEOPLE WANT SOCIALISM

The Liberal party is badly split in this province, and of course there is trouble in that particular political camp. The EAGLE has just received a circular letter from Thos. H. Mackay, secretary of the Vancouver Liberal Association, and from it we cull a sweeping statement, which we venture to say is more truth than fiction. Regarding who shall be entitled to attend the convention, shortly to be held in Vancouver, Mr. Mackay says:

"With regard to admitting Liberal editors of papers supporting the Dominion government we do not think these gentlemen are in any way representative of the Liberal party in this province. NEARLY ALL THE NEWSPAPERS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA ARE OWNED OR CONTROLLED BY CORPORATIONS WHO HAVE NO POLITICS AND SIMPLY RUN THEM IN THE INTEREST OF THEIR BUSINESS. EDITORS ARE IN THE EMPLOY OF THESE CORPORATIONS AND ARE NOT ALLOWED TO EXPRESS OR HAVE ANY OPINION CONTRARY TO THE WISH OF THEIR EMPLOYERS. WE THEREFORE THINK THAT THE ADMISSION OF MEN OF THIS CLASS WOULD NOT TEND TOWARDS BRINGING THE LIBERAL PARTY OF THIS PROVINCE INTO HARMONY."

Just read that over again, gentle voter. What do you think of? And this from one of your own party-men! Can you read between the lines, or must you blindly follow these decoy newspapers and politicians to the bitter end? Isn't it about time you began to think for yourself? Give socialism a little thought. Perhaps you think it is all right in theory, but not in practice. Read on, and make a more careful analysis of the trusts and captains of industry, the coming power of the world. Break away from the old parties, and join the socialists in a demand for the collective ownership and management of the means of production and distribution. Let's get at the root of our present-day evils. You may be doubtful; but give our side a fair hearing. Let us reason together. Once you become a student of socialism, the old political parties have lost you for all time. Try it.

The EAGLE, anyway, can see no good reason why the people should bind or ally themselves with either of the old parties. They both stand by the private owners of the means of production, secure their "reptile fund" from those who benefit by such a system, and are not in any way endeavoring to alleviate the power and greed of private ownership. They are dealing with the effect of our unjust economic system, not with the cause. But let the good work go on. These old parties, with the assistance of the trusts, are paving the way for socialism—the natural outgrowth of present-day co-operation and legal robbery from the producers.

A Friendly Pointer to We, Us and Others.

The local branch of the Imperial bank will be open for business on Monday. Apropos of this occasion, the EAGLE gives an extract from a speech made recently by a gentleman who had convictions of his own and not afraid to express them, at a banker's banquet some weeks ago. He concluded: "If you really want to know the meaning of the terms 'Marble Heart' and 'Icy Eye,' go into one of these refrigerator plants for a loan when money is tight. It is prudent at such times to wear ear muffs and red mittens, fastened together with tape so that they can't be lost, for you will need 'em. As soon as you reach the outer air—which will be in about a second—run home and plunge the extremities in hot water, and place a porous plaster on what remains of your self-esteem.

"Bankers are too prone to judge a man by his appearance, so that the very men who need the money most have the hardest work to get it. They are apt, especially at the city bank, to discriminate against a feller who looks rocky, in favor of the Rockyfeller. Clothes do not make the man. If they did, Hetty Green wouldn't be where she is and Russell Sage would be in the Old Ladies' Home. If Uncle Russell had to travel on his shape, he would never see much of the world. Yet, beneath the ragged coat there beats a heart, which as a beater can't be beat—a heart as true (so the Standard gas people say) as steal. I had intended to touch upon a few vital questions concerning finance this evening, but the night is waning and I guess you have all been 'touched' sufficiently of late, so I will restrain myself and give some other orator a chance to get himself disliked."

Mining Dividends in November.

November dividend payments by 56 companies identified with the mining and metallurgical industry of the United States, aggregated $12,584,294. According to reports received by the Engineering and Mining Journal, 36 precious and semi-precious metal mines paid $1,825,329, or 14.5 per cent. of the total, while the balance of $10,758,965, or 85.5 per cent. was contributed by 20 allied industrial companies. Large disbursements have also been made by numerous private and close corporations, such as the properties controlled by Senator W. A. Clark, of Montana, and the Phelps-Dodge interests that do not report. The largest payment during the month was $8,929,049 on the preferred stock of the United States Steel Corporation.

The metal mine disbursements were: Copper (4), $850,009; gold, silver and lead (30), $952,843; zinc (2), $21,477; total, 1,825,329. The industrial payments were: Iron and steel (4), $9,923,674; coal and coke (2), $504,681; petroleum and natural gas (12), $119,110; chemical and mineral companies (2), $211,500; total, $10,758,965.

In the 11 months ending November 30; the dividends reported by 216 companies aggregated over $146,000,000, a most excellent showing.—American Mining News. A most excellent showing for whom?

Does the C. P. R. Pay No Duty?

The decision of the Board of General Appraisers in the case of lead ores and bullion imported to be smelted or refined here in bond, is to be contested. This decision, it will be remembered, was to the effect that the proportion of metals which must be exported in order to cancel the bond, must be based upon the quantity of metal shown to be in the ores by the government assay, and not upon the quantity actually recovered in smelting and refining. Notice has been given that an appeal will be taken from this decision of the appraisers to the United States Circuit Court.—E. and M. Journal.

Silver Cup's Ore Shipment.

The Silver Cup ore is not being hauled to Beaton, as stated in the EAGLE last issue, but to Trout Lake, where it will be held for shipment next spring over the new A. & K. branch, a fairly good indication in itself that Manager Didisheim has received sufficient guarantee from the railway officials to warrant him in doing so. The shipment of 800 tons of ore from the Cup will mean further and more extensive development work before other shipments are made. Supt. Warden has a force of some 40 men employed at present.

Be Careful With Your Lights and Fires.

This is the season of the year when the fire fiend, terrible at any time, harvests his many victims, says the Frank Sentinel. All of us have known prosperous towns whose citizens went to bed even with the world and who, the next morning, gathered around the blackened ruins of their town homeless and bankrupt. In a town such as we have here, with practically no fire protection, it stands everyone in hand to be careful about their lights and fires, for their neighbors' sake as well as their own.

SMELTING RATES

A Reduction Granted to Silver-Lead Mine Owners.

PRICE $4 LESS THAN LAST YEAR

Will Stimulate Silver-Lead Mining Industry and Cause More Over-Production.

TEMPORARY RELIEF ANYWAY

The Nelson and Trail smelters have granted silver-lead mine owners a reduction of $4 per ton in the treatment rate upon their ores which carry more than twenty per cent. lead. The new rates are based upon ores carrying twenty per cent. lead. The present rate for the treatment of ore of this class is $15; by the new tariff it will be $11. For ore carrying more than twenty per cent. lead there is the same provision of adding twenty cents to the rate for each per cent. of lead over twenty. In the case of ore carrying forty per cent. lead the treatment rate would work out $15 which is just $4 lower than the rates charged by the smelters this year for the treatment of the same grade of ore. These rates are much more favorable than many of the mine owners were led to expect, but they are not as good as they appear on the surface, as there are a number of new conditions attached to them which did not apply to the old rate.

The Coming Mining Camp of B. C.

During the last two years two other districts have been rapidly forcing themselves on the attention of the mining world, and to-day the Lardeau and Trout Lake districts bid fair to rival, if not surpass, the older districts of the Kootenay, says the Vancouver Province. The immense richness of the ore in the properties about the town of Ferguson, was demonstrated last year when eighty tons, sent to the Trail smelter, realized to the shippers $18,000 after paying all the expenses of transportation, which were anything but small. All this country has been very thoroughly exploited, and at the present time for miles about Ferguson, it has all been staked by prospectors and miners. During the last year and a half the representatives of English and American companies have looked over this territory with considerable care, and many properties have been bonded at very large amounts, showing the belief which experts entertain regarding the district. It is expected that by the end of next year a railway line will have been completed from Kootenay to Arrow lake to tap this country, and furnish means for getting out the ore.

He Will Do Honor to B. C.

Prof. Blochberger of Rossland, largely interested in the Fish Creek camp, has been requested to deliver an address on British Columbia at the United States editorial congress to be held during the month of May, 1902, in Hot Springs, Arkansas, and recognizing the importance and prominence our province has attracted throughout the world, the subject of "Mines and Mining in British Columbia" was assigned to Mr. Blochberger by the president of the association.

The Only Hope for Lardeau Mine Owners.

With the curtailment of lead production, and a slow and steady marketing of the lead on hand, there has been a constant decrease of the surplus, and it is estimated that by the first of the year, there will be not to exceed 15,000 or 20,000 tons on hand, which is not a large amount for a smelting company to have in storage and in transit. By the first of the year there is expected to be a marked revival of the mining industry of the Coeur d'Alenes, says the Butte People. If Lardeau mine owners could only get Coeur d'Alene prices, this would be the busiest camp of the bunch next season. But until the government or the C. P. R. furnishes us with a refinery, reduces the cost of smelting, and places the refined article at such a price as will create a home market, we cannot hope for such an outlook.

Spencer City, a New Town.

The townsite known by above name is situated on the West Fork of the Duncan at the junction of the Little West Fork. It was located over a year ago by Dr. Spencer's agent since which a crown grant has been issued and is in the hands of the London and Canadian Development company, of which Dr. Spencer is president. There are several holders of the shares and it is the intention of the owners to open a supply store, put up a saw mill, put in a livery, pack, and a large boarding house, as early in 1902 as possible. The surveyors have laid out several streets and there is abundance of water for all purposes. The government trail is nearly finished from Hall's creek to the townsite and the trail to the Old Gold camp has been made. Negotiations are on for erecting a smelter there and with the dozen gold properties surrounding it, as well as the enterprising company pushing it ahead, a town should soon be in existence. There is no question regarding the richness of the Lardeau. Trout Lake City and Ferguson will serve their purpose for their districts and there need be no rivalry between them and Spencer people. The only proper inlet and outlet for all that district is by the West Fork and the Duncan. A railroad must go in that way and to this very place.

One prominent resident of Rossland says: "You have a better position and prospect than Rossland was seven years ago."

The surveyor, Mr. Wilkie, says: "In my opinion Spencer City has a fair future before it as soon as the mines of the Little West Fork do any shipping, as all that traffic has to go through it on its way to Kootenay lake. There is also fair pine and cedar on it."

Mr. C. Outhett, A. R. C. Sc., M. E., who has examined properties in this district writes, unsolicited: "I consider its location a very advantageous one. Judging from what I saw no other townsite can be taken up which will be so favorably situated as a supply point for the whole of the west fork of the Duncan and its tributaries. I consider the townsite a very valuable holding."

As soon as the season opens lots can be conveyed, applications for which can now be made to the London and Canadian Development company, Brantford, Ont. 1t.

Wants Labor Party to Join Socialists.

J. M. Cameron, organizer of the socialist party of British Columbia, returned to Nelson on Tuesday after a successful trip thru the district. He organized branches of the party at Rossland, 41 members; Grand Forks, 13; Greenwood, 22; Phoenix, 23; Ymir, 26; and Trail, 7. He stated that if the Independent Labor Party would accept the platform laid down by the socialists the latter would support it to the best of their ability and work hand in hand. They would also expect any candidate that they supported to sign an undated resignation to be left with the socialists.—Nelson Miner.

Will Oil Replace Coke?

A small experimental smelter has just been erected at San Diego, Cal., says the Scientific American. This will use as an experiment oil as a fuel in the reduction of copper and all other smelting ores. Mr. Trapp, the inventor, has perfect confidence in its success. In the ordinary smelter coke has been considered a necessity in smelting, as it generates great heat and has a chemical action on the ore. Shipments of iron and copper ore have been made to the new smelter and experiments will be started at once.

It's a Government Refinery We Want.

According to a report from Vancouver, B. C., the silver mine owners of Kootenay are contemplating the erection of a refinery. Since the American Smelting and Refining company stopped buying the silver-lead ores of that district the mine owners there have been obliged to stop work. They are now going to approach the Canadian government in an endeavor to obtain a bonus for the erection and operation of a refinery.—Los Angeles Mining Review.

THE NEW YEAR

Much in Store for Ferguson and the Lardeau During 1902.

SMELTER, RAILWAY, REFINERY

We Have Only to Compare Our Position to a Year Ago to Realize the Progress Being Made.

WORKING OUT OUR DESTINY

The year 1902 has dawned, but all days look alike in the Lardeau. The gradual rise in silver, and the construction of a smelter in town, reduced smelter rates outside, and the prospects of a lead refinery is having a stimulating effect. It would appear that, after all, by the time Lardeau mine owners are ready to ship ore next season, market conditions will we more favorable. The experience of the past few weeks has been well nigh disheartening, but it seems to be the only method by which Canadians can be aroused and put to devising means to work out their own destiny, independent of the American Lead Trust. Why, even the department of mines has partially opened one eye and is beginning a work it should have done years ago. There is all kinds of silver wanted during the next year or two for the mints—even Canada's mint may be in business before the end of the century—and if there is no "free silver" thereafter it will not be because there has been none, transformed into legal tender.

Locally, the camp is rather quiet with everybody "jagging" along as usual at one thing or another. It has been said that the anticipation of an event produces more happiness for the enthused than the realization. If this be the case, Lardeauites are indeed a happy lot; for have we not under materialization for the year 1902, railway transportation, a smelter, a refinery, several new shipping mines—now under development, and all sorts of modern appliances for the town itself. If there is one town and mining camp in Canada, to go ahead during the coming year, Ferguson and the Lardeau will be that combination. "We" have the mines, and "We" have the men and the money; now all "We" want is the get-there Eli. And that's in sight.

Wrong System Makes It Possible.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier's name appears on the list of shareholders of the great Lipton manufactory in London, in which manhood, womanhood, and childhood are sacrificed and debased to create the millions so lavishly spent by Sir Lipton in New York and elsewhere. Will Sir Wilfrid tell how much he paid for that stock, and whether the holding of such stock does not influence him to declaim against socialism and to refuse to pose, as Mr. Mulock does, as the special friend of labor?—C. and C.

Ruffled Grouse Group.

J. W. Livingstone and Ole Peterson are in town. They have quit work on the Ruffled Grouse for the winter, having about four tons more ore ready for shipment. They have done a good deal of surface work, driven some fifty feet of tunnel and sunk a thirty-foot shaft. The property, says Ole Peterson, is looking splendid, and next season they will re-commence work on a larger scale. As soon as the smelter plant in Ferguson is ready for business they intend to bring their ore up and market it here.

Ferguson's Smelter Under Way.

Lumber for the McCrossan smelter now being built in Ferguson, is being laid on the ground. The basement is almost completed, and carpenters will be at work this week. Word of the arrival of the machinery from 'Frisco is expected daily. The wood-cutting contract is well under way, and already a good deal of it has been delivered.

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Notice to "Eagle" Readers.

I will be absent for the next two weeks, on a business trip to Coast cities, and during that time A. J. Gordon will have charge of the Eagle columns, while Al. Pelkey will look after the mechanical department. Changes of advts., job work, etc., will be accepted as usual.

Hoping, that the bank manager will be merciful; that the sheriff will remain in Revelstoke; that our creditors will live in hope, and our debtors pay up so rapidly that the sub-editor will abscond, I remain,

R. P. PETTIPIECE.

Honest men need never fear that any obnoxious reform, either social or political, will burst upon the people and carry the country into the whirlpool of destruction. Reforms work in the opposite way. It is the agitation of reform that keeps the world from drifting back into barbarism, says an eminent writer. In the backward movement there is no agitation. The people who work to ruin the prosperity and happiness of men, do it in secret. They seek darkness in preference to light. They becloud the intellect of the common herd with promises of prosperity, and lull the world to sleep with the lullaby songs of hypocracy, and then plunder the sleepers so slyly that they do not even suspect their loss after they awaken and count over their possessions. Don't be afraid of the noisy reformer—he is too honest to deceive anybody. The dangerous man is he who takes his victim around the corner to whisper in his ear and make promises that must be kept a profound secret until the scheme is fully developed and fastened on the people. Anything that is done openly, must of its very nature be done honestly. And to do a thing openly and honestly, promising the people only the real benefits to be derived from the reform or change in existing conditions, to convince the people of the truth. without deceiving them in any manner; to make a genuine conscientious conversion to the right way of thinking—takes a long, long, weary, weary time, and don't let this fact leak thru the slats of your thought-crib. The human intellect moves slow, slower than tar in January, slower than the growth of a century plant, slower than dropping water boring a hole into a rock of granite, slower than the Senate in passing a labor alien law—yea, even almost as slow as the upheaval of the mountains during the world's cooling-off process, or the disintegration of the planets while evolution goes on in in its everlasting changing of the atoms and molecules out of which this mighty universe is constructed. In fact, the human mind is slow, sluggish, sleepy, slothful, languid, obstinate, dull, dormant, calloused, torpid, lazy, suspicious, prejudiced, and confined within a mighty thick skull. It wallowed around in barbarism and paganism for thousands of years, and has scarcely got both feet out of this condition as we go to press. People who claim that we have climbed out of paganism and animalism and barbarism can't put their fingers on the exact date when we crossed the line and stepped out into the broad daylight of civilization.

History teaches us that nations must continually grow or surely crumble. He is not a true statesman who seeks to perpetuate a system which necessarily consigns the industrious to lives of misery and want and bestows upon the indolent and the cunning its highest awards. To the people of any nation nothing is of equal importance to the methods employed in the distribution and enjoyment of the results of labor, and no nation can progress whose working population live continually in want or the fear of it. That railroad mileage is increased, corporative capital enlarged, national banks multiplied, real estate "values" enhanced—none of these things mean national progress or national prosperity. On the contrary, they may, and too often do, mean national decay, ruin and revolution. Some rich men take to horse-racing to relieve the ennui of a life made monotonous by the absence of useful occupation; others sail yachts, or drive automobiles, or preach sentimental twaddle about how nice it is to be "good"—' "real" good. One of this last sort is John D. Rockefeller, Jr., who recently told a Sunday school class that he believed "wealth was a gift from God and meant happiness if it was used as God intended that it should be; wealth was given by God for a good purpose and not for an evil purpose." To say nothing whatever of the methods used by his distinguished father to get wealth, it would seem to be about time for God to start a few damage suits against these modern rich babblers for defamation of character.

After all, it must be admitted that the ownership of property carries with it the ownership of men. If you own a man he would be worthless to you unless you had some form of property on which to work him, says the Appeal. If you did not own the man but owned the property he would have to serve you. The fact that he could serve some other fellow with property would make no difference to him. He would have to serve or starve. When all men own the property collectively then each will be equally free to apply himself on the common capital and get the full results of his labor. In no other way is it possible. Under common ownership each child would inherit an equal right to a place to apply itself, and would not have to work for years for the profit of others before it could save enough to buy an individual place to apply its energies. And even if all could buy an individual place, those who owned the means of transportation and exchange could and would levy a profit off the balance of the people.

Mining, when conducted with the same business caution that the average commercial venture requires, is equally safe and more profitable, observes the Lead and Zinc News. No business man would think of turning over the management of his affairs to a green man, and yet many of those same business men, ordinarily level-headed will consent to turn a mining enterprise over to a green man. Under competent management, conducted with the same care that a wholesale or retail business is carried on, mining is as safe an investment as can be secured. When the presence of ore in paying quantities is known then the elimination of the element of chance is accomplished with more than a reasonable certainty. Don't forget when starting a mining enterprise that cheap management is most frequently the most extravagant in the long run.

No one can make head or tail of the copper situation. Bull and bear are fighting in Wall street without the least regard for the welfare of business. Let a body of foolish men go out on a strike and the United States rings with denunciations by the denizens of Wall street against the evil-minded business-destroying striker. Yet in these times of Wall street manipulations there is not a bear or bull of them all who would hesitate to shut up a dozen factories and throw thousands of men out of work if they thought they could force down or up, as suited their purposes, a particular stock, even one point. Such men are mere warts upon the face of commerce. When bull and bear are in fierce strife, it is well for the pigeon to get under the eaves and stay there. —Mining Reporter.

It is everywhere private interest opposed to public interest that is the cause of the present-day economic evils, says the Butte People, the miners' union organ. Collective ownership of the means of production and distribution is the only remedy and just in proportion as this is realized the evil will be removed. Remove the cause and the effect will disappear. Socialism would greatly simplify government and render unnecessary its obnoxious powers which result from our false organization of society. Socialism means industrial self-government, a social democracy in which the people are their own masters. Let all who desire the abolition of political corruption join in the establishment of the co-operative commonwealth.

The EAGLE has been requested by a number of Lardeau ites, among whom are prominent business men, to draw Thos. Taylor's attention to the necessity of a short wagon road, and bridge over the north fork of Lardeau creek just above town, to join the north and south fork roads, without going down hill, as at present, to pull up again. The advantage of such a connection must be apparent to anyone who will size up the ground and give the subject a few moments thought. The road would be a short one, starting from this side at the smelter, to a point at the north fork canyon, where a bridge could easily be built, and on over straight to the Nettie L. ore house, with comparatively no grade, and a much shorter haul to bring ore to the smelter. The annual expense of keeping the present down-and-up-hill road free of mud-slides, etc., would pay for the new road in five years, and thereafter no repairs would be necessary. The advantages of this new road would be of special interest to the freighters and smelter people, not to mention the lessening of the cost of ore hauling to present shipping mines. The EAGLE, then, hopes to see Mr. Taylor make a note of this much-desired public work, look into the matter, and procure an appropriation as soon as possible for the work.

As a result of the Northern Securities railway combination the rates are being lowered. No competition, fewer officers and agents, modern equipments, etc., all conduce to make this possible. Competition is a dead-letter compared to the economy and benefits of co-operation. Now, if the management and operating system were to remain the same, and the people merely collectively "owned" the railroads, the profits would come back to the people. Our mail matter, etc., could be carried at less than half the present rates, freight and passenger rates could be cut in two (no passes then) and still the people would have a profit, which now goes to swell the millions of dollars already amassed by the railway magnates.

There seems to be no doubt of American domination of the C.P.R. system. The "pass" feature has been abolished with newspaper men, supplanted by the American way, that of paying for their advertising in transportation at regular rates. It may be the American's plan, but it's business just the same.

Organization Fund Appeal

The executive of the B. C. Socialist Party urges upon all local and individual Socialists in this province the need of subscribing to this fund. The funds that placed comrade Cameron in the field, as organizer, are now exhausted, and his services will have to be dispensed with if funds should not be forthcoming. The per capita tax of members will not commence to be paid until the constitution is accepted, and until such time the executive is without funds.

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Provincial Platform of the Socialist Party of B. C.

(Submitted to Locals by the Executive.)

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2. Proportional representation.
3. Abolition of property qualification for voters and candidates in municipal elections.
4. Abolition of system of cash deposits for candidates at provincial elections.
5. Adult suffrage.
6. A minimum wage law, fixing wages at not less than $2. per day for adults.
7. Reduction of hours of labor in all trades to forty-four per week.
8. All coal mines to be owned and operated by the province, in the interests of the people.
9. Graduated land tax, similar to New Zealand law.
10. Free medical attendance to all needing such.
11. Scientific and practical management of fisheries, forests, and waterways, in the interests of the producers.
12. Employment of unemployed labor on useful productive work.
13. Extension of powers of municipalities.
14. The education of children under 14 years of age to be free, secular, and compulsory. Text books, meals and clothing to be supplied to children out of public funds when necessary.
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Whatever you dislike in another person take care to correct in yourself by the gentle reproof.—Sprat.

One gift well given is as good as a thousand; a thousand gifts ill given are hardly better than none.—Dean Stanley.

The New Yew Tribune says. "The capitalist and captain of industry in these latter days has set himself to demonstrate that the theories of the socialist are sound."

Belgium socialists are strong enuf now in numerical force to demand universal suffrage—and they are demanding the real article.

Mr. Dunsmuir is reported to have said, "to h—l with the union, to h—l with the committee, to h—l with the men." Mr. Dunsmuir, your a h—l of a poor politician.—Vancouver Independent.

Only those who do not understand socialism oppose it. Even the meanest men aspire to it the same as any other once they comprehend it. Like Saul, they will get a change of heart—or mind.

We are repeatedly told by subsidised newspapers that "We are enjoying an era of unprecedented prosperity." And pray whom are We? You and I, or the selfish socialist—the man in the trust?

There would be no child labor under socialism, for all children would be kept in school until they had graduated and been trained in some useful vocation. The adult workers could make all the wealth that could be consumed in less than eight hours a day.

The subject of socialism is not one to be ignored nor to be sneered out of discussion by the beneficiaries of oligarchy of wealth. It is receiving the best thoughts of the best minds of the most enlightened nations of the earth. —Editorial in Seattle Daily Times.

Government of Sweden has ordered the directors of the state railways to prepare plans for converting the steam railways to electric roads. Waterfalls will be used to generate electric power as is now done at Niagara Falls, and with this power the railways can be operated.

The more profits the trusts make the sooner will they be able to control all the industries and retail trade. The ultimate good that will come will probably pay for the temporary misery and bankruptcy of the little fellows who think they will some day be rich and able to levy tribute on their fellows. Let the game proceed.—Appeal.

At the present time under the domination of capitalism the producers get one-sixth of the wealth that they create and give the remainder to an army of social parasites. This is a very unjust division, perpetrated for the benefit of a class who are always fierce in their denunciations of socialists for attempting to prevent this division.

Speaking of the female slaves of the industrial system, who should be the happy wives of well-remunerated men, a writer says: "We need not go back to the horrors of the early factory days in England. Present society has horrors of its own. The foul 'sweat shop,' the crowded factory, the cheap laundry, the box making establishment, the tobacco trade, and the shops all to-day make a profit from underpaid female labor."

Speaking of the birth of Jesus Christ and the manner in which it is commemorated by the people of to-day, the Grand Forks News says: "That baby was the most potent power in the world to-day. For months He has been taxing the carrying power of the transportation companies, the capacity of the factories, the shelf-room of the stores, filling out the postal staffs, bringing joy and cheer, and profit to many. Can any one answer, why?"

"Socialism removes the incentive to work," sagely remarks Prof. Mitchell of the Chicago university in the Tribune. Certainly—give a man plenty of good healthy food, a decent house to live in, books to read, ability to travel, and other things the product of his own labor and you destroy the incentive. What society wants to do is to take from 95 per cent. of mankind everything they produce—leaving them a mere living—and you have an ideal condition, viewed from the standpoint of the other 5 per cent.—Appeal.

Occasionally some economic idiot gets up and gleefully celebrates the fact that a new trust has arisen to fight the old one, hence the trust question will settle itself by fighting itself to death. It really makes no difference which one licks, one will survive to fleece us, and I never knew a black slave being particularly benefitted by a change of masters. He always worked—for someone else—as the white slave does—and he never got—like the white slave also—more than a bare existence. A workingman who thinks a fight between two trusts has any interest for him, no matter who wins, is in sad need of a slight education on economic matters.—Seattle Socialist.

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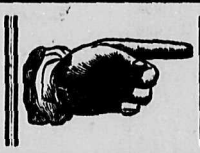

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BECAUSE the shipping mines are located on Nettie L. hill, between the two creek forks; on the Great Northern hill just north of the town itself; and on the south fork and its tributaries, for all of which Ferguson is the supply point.

BECAUSE this is the point where mining men coming into the district make their headquarters; as they can walk or ride and return from most of the properties in one day or less.

BECAUSE the wonderful mineral developments during the past season have been a marvel to outsiders seeking investment. Not only have the old stand-by properties improved with depth, but the new finds and many test ore shipments are exceedingly gratifying, and attention must surely be attracted this way.

BECAUSE mine owners hire their crews in Ferguson and pay them off in Ferguson.

BECAUSE the offices of many of the companies operating in the camp are located here.

BECAUSE Ferguson receives the pay roll benefit from these working mines.

BECAUSE every pound of ore from these mines coming down the hill lands first in Ferguson. From here it will be teamed to transportation on the lake, a distance of four miles.

BECAUSE when the railway reaches the place where the mines are it will reach Ferguson.

BECAUSE there is every natural advantage for the building up of a great mining center.

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On the Wing Items

Write it 1902.

What would be the matter with Fergusonites forming a ski club?

J. Smith of the local saw mill, has moved his family from Trout Lake to Ferguson.

Don't wait until next New Year's day to quit your meanness, quit it today and stay quit.

"I never saw such a camp for big men," said a Yankee visitor while in town this week.

The New York mining exposition will not begin until April 2, 1902. It will run seventeen days.

F. T. Abey and F. C. Elliott of Trout Lake, were visitors in the pay roll centre on Monday last.

The Dec. 21 issue of the Engineering and Mining Journal contains a good report of the Old Gold property, so well known in this camp.

Rev. S. J. Green and Mrs. Green spent Tuesday in town. Prayer meetings are conducted every Tuesday evening in the Miners' Union hall.

S. Daney's ore teams are taking between five and six tons at a load from here to the ore shed at Trout Lake. The roads are in pretty fair condition.

The American Smelting and Refining company practically controls the output and markets the product of silver-lead ores in this country and the United States.

S. A. Sutherland of the firm of McKinnon & Sutherland, general merchants, is over at the coast on a business trip. While there he will buy extensively for the spring trade.

Quite a few men are wintering at the recent placer diggings found on Horsefly creek in the Cariboo. Some of them are sinking shafts and preparing for active operations next season.

The socialist party league met on Tuesday evening at the home of W. Crites, Winnipeg avenue. This new party is assuming large proportions throughout the province. — Grand Forks News.

Application is being made for the incorporation of the Bow River Ranching and Development Co., (Ltd.), capital $75,000, in 150,000 shares of $50 each. The provisional directors named are R. J. Hutchings, C. Schulz and J. J. Young. A large amount of the stock has been taken by British Columbia parties.—Calgary Herald.

The local literary society debate last Friday evening proved most interesting to the hall full of people present. The subject under debate was: "Resolved that the British empire will decay." The speakers for the affirmative were S. Shannon, captain, A. J. Gordon and James Lade; while Rev. S. J. Green, captain, Thos Ryan and James Otto defended and won for the negative.

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* The Canada Drug & Book Co., Revelstoke, have received a large and excellent stock of Christmas goods, cards, souvenirs, toys, etc. Mail orders receive prompt attention. Order while you have first choice.

* The Ferguson quadrille club will hold a social dance in the Miners' Union hall every Thursday evening. Anyone desiring to become a member should apply to R. T. Bury, the secretary. Membership fee, $2 per month.

* It is possible you have tried other tailors for your clothes, but your orders are coming back again. Lardeauites, like Revelstokers, get the most satisfaction all round from the old stand-by firm—R. S. WILSON. See advt. on page 2.

* If you don't advertise in the EAGLE you don't reach the people of the Lardeau. We will accept advertising contracts with a guarantee that the EAGLE has a bigger paid up circulation than any other paper in North Kootenay. The people who pay for a paper read it, and are the people you want to reach.

LARDEAU ORE SHIPMENTS.

The following is a list of Lardeau ore producers, amount shipped and the gross returns, reports of which have to be furnished monthly by mine owners to the provincial government:

Name.	Pounds.	Gross Val.
Silver Cup	2,400,000	$180,000.00
Nettie L.	1,760,000	63,380.00
Triune	649,776	82,870.27
Beatrice	442,000	32,239.39
Great Northern	56,000	1,344.00
Broadview	52,000	1,664.00
Ethel	34,000	1,596.00
Cromwell	23,289	1,296.79
§ Ophir-Lade	12,000	1,820.00
Metropolitan	11,974	726.00
St. Elmo	12,000	510.00
Ruffled Grouse	11,770	507.19
Linson View	868	63.17
§ Old Gold		
§ Horseshoe		
§ Black Warrior		

§ Returns and corrections asked for.

As soon as the Eagle receives further information this list will be made complete and corrected weekly.

The past week in Ferguson has been such that a few resolutions for the New Year will not be out of place.

Mr. Taylor's attention is drawn to a short piece of road to connect the north and south fork roads elsewhere in this issue.

Our Duty as Good Citizens.

The rich must be taught that they have no right to one pleasure or comfort at the cost of the welfare of another fellow-being; that they have no right to live in luxury, while others starve. The poor must be taught that they have inalienable rights on this green earth—the right to life, liberty and happiness—and it is the religious duty of each class to concede the one and demand the other.—Elizabeth Cody Stanton.

Lo, and Behold.

The department of mines has just issued a special pamphlet containing all available information regarding the recent discoveries of placer gold on and near the headwaters of the Horsefly river, in Quesnel Mining Division, Cariboo District, British Columbia.

Maps of the district, together with all available information, may be had upon application to the Hon. the minister of mines, Victoria, or Wm F. Robertson, Provincial Mineralogist, Victoria.

Torchbeams.

Investigation is man's first and last duty.

Idleness and cruelty are the sins of the thoughtless.

That life is ennobled which strives for the universal good.

A kind word or a generous deed illumines the darkest day.

Love is the sunshine of human life, and hope the rainbow arching the dark cloud of fate.

The saddest day in the life of any man is that in which he loses faith in humanity.

The greatest university is that school in which the loftiest and most highly cultured intellect proclaims itself.—S. H Van Trump.

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NOTICE TO DELINQUENT CO-OWNERS

To Z. Gordon Goldberg or L. Goldberg, or to any person or persons to whom they may have transferred their interests in the Little Robert and Little Robert No. 2 mineral claims situate at the head of the North fork of Lardeau creek, and adjoining the Black Warrior group on the northwest, in the Trout Lake Mining Division of West Kootenay District.

You are hereby notified that I have expended two hundred and five dollars and twenty-five cents ($205.25) in labor and improvements on the above mentioned mineral claims in order to hold said mineral claims under the provisions of the Mineral Act, and if within ninety days from the date of this notice you fail or refuse to contribute your proportion of such expenditures together with all cost of advertising, your interest in said claims will become the property of the subscriber, under section 4 of an Act entitled An Act to Amend the Mineral Act, 1900.

Dated at Ferguson this 4th day of December, 1901.

dec5—3m JOSEPH C. KIRKPATRICK.

NOTICE TO DELINQUENT CO-OWNER

To Mike Dwyer and Patrick Nicholson, or to any person or persons to whom they may have transferred their interests.

TAKE NOTICE that I, the undersigned, co-owner with you in the J. C. mineral group, consisting of the Smuggler, Lone Star, J. C. and Bushwhacker claims, situated on the head of Lake creek, in the Trout Lake mining division of West Kootenay, in the province of British Columbia, have expended four hundred ($400) dollars in labor and improvement upon the above mentioned mineral group in order to hold said group under Section 24 of the Mineral Act, and if within ninety days from the first publication hereof, you fail or refuse to contribute your portion of such expenditure, together with the cost of advertising, for 1901, your interests in the said group will become the property of the subscribers, under Section 4 of the Mineral Act 1900.

Dated at Ferguson, B. C., this 29th day of October, 1901.

oct 31 J. W. CHISM.

APPLICATION FOR LAND.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following tract of land, consisting of 120 acres more or less, in the Trout Lake mining division of West Kootenay district, and described as follows: Commencing at a post planted about 400 feet north from the wagon road along the south fork of Lardeau creek, approximately half way between Eight-mile creek and Ten-mile creek; thence 60 chains east; thence 20 chains south; thence 60 chains west; thence 20 chains north to point of commencement.

Dated at Ferguson, B. C., this 27th day of November, 1901.

nov37—2m JOSEPH MURRAY.

MINERAL ACT, 1896.
(Form F.)

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENT

NOTICE.

NETTIE L. and AJAX mineral claims, situate in the Trout Lake Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: On Nettie L. Mountain, between the North and South forks of Lardeau creek.

TAKE NOTICE that I, A. P. Cummins, as agent for The Great Western Mines, Limited, of Ferguson, B. C., Free Miner's Certificate No. 31850, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claims.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.

Dated this twenty seventh day of November, A. D. 1901.

dec5—2m A. P. CUMMINS, P. L. S.

MINERAL ACT, 1896.
(Form F.)

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENT

NOTICE

SILVER CROWN mineral claim, situate in the Lardeau Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: On Kidd creek, a tributary of Boyd creek.

TAKE NOTICE that I, Hector Poirer, F.M.C. B50278, acting as agent for myself and George Johnson, F.M.C. B67728, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this 7th day of November, 1901.

Nov 7 2m. HECTOR POIRER.

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